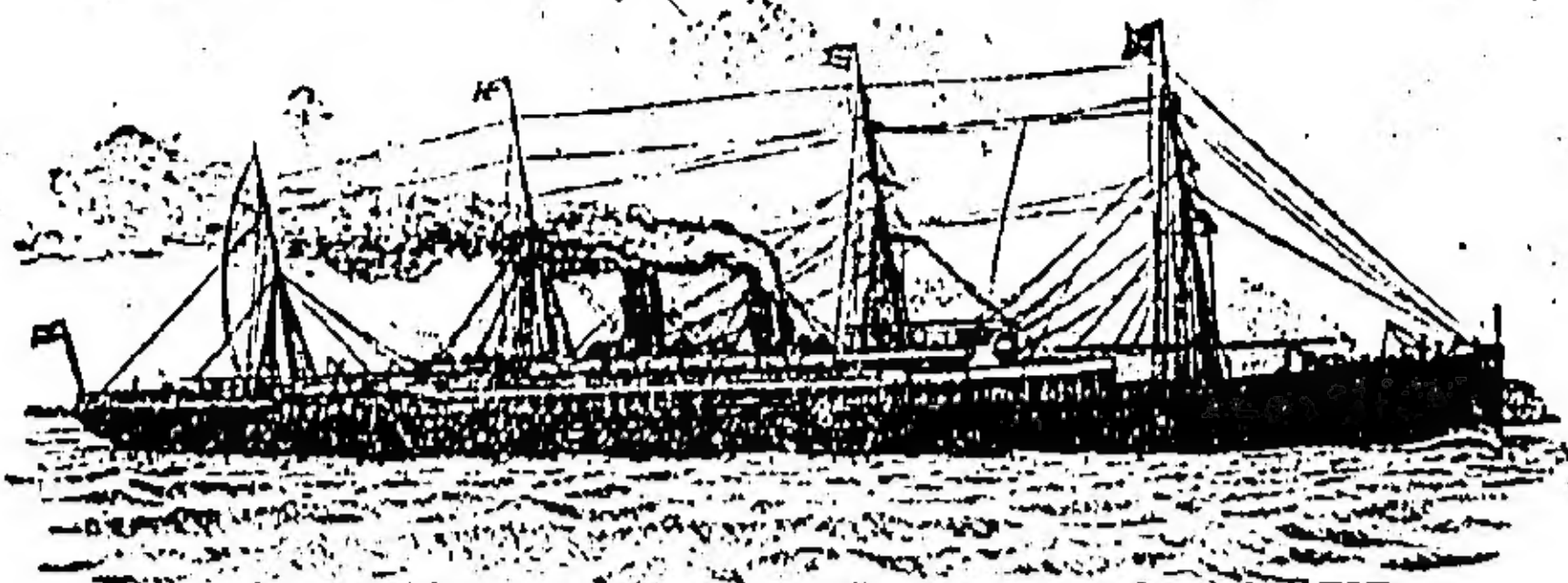






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Intimations.

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THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th MAY, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1903.

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R. J. MACGOWAN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903. 1568c

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Intimations.



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Wharf, Pootung, aged 42 years.  
On the 5th May, at Shanghai, LUIS  
GONZAGA FERREIRA DE CAMPOS, aged 60  
years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1903.

FRENCH FORCES IN THE  
FAR EAST.

So much has recently been heard with regard to the reported movement of France in Kwangsi that a short account of the new organization of the French forces in the East should not be out of place. Late news to hand from Shanghai says the Canton gentry in that port have received a telegram from Kwangsi to the effect that the French troops had entered within the borders of that province from Haiphong via Man-kai, but not through the invitation of the Governor Wang Chih-chun. Man-kai is on the Kwangsi-Yunnan frontier and before the war with France in 1884 was the home of Liu Yung-fu and his famous Blackflags. In another column will be found a denial to the assertions made against the Governor. The *N. C. D. News*, however, prints a Ngan Hing, capital of Anhui, despatch to the effect that several battalions of the Huai Army troops, hitherto stationed in various parts of Anhui provinces, have received orders to prepare to embark at an early date for Kwangsi. This has been done in response to appeals to the Throne from Governor Wang Chih-chun of Kwangsi asking for more troops and naming the battalions noted above as the men he desires to reinforce his much-dwindled forces in that province. All the battalions in question are armed with modern Mausers, and it is stated they also possess a couple of Maxim's each. This seems to point to the fact that our Southern neighbours have an eye to the situation and, although no definite move may yet have been made, it is evident they have no intention to let slip any opportunity of taking definite action. France has a strong military position in Indo-China and such a depletion of her forces as would be required to make a show in Kwangsi would not seriously affect the regular garrison. It is an admitted fact that for some time past she has been strengthening and reorganizing her military system of defence in her Eastern colonies, and has been most ably seconded by General Coromati, the present Commander-in-Chief of her forces in Indo-China. This officer, who is one of the youngest divisional commanders in the French army, has seen a great deal of active service in the colonies, and he is generally recognized as an expert in tactics and mobilization. According to their new organization our neighbours have now at their disposal four brigades of troops; three in actual existence and one in reserve. In the event of menace of attack on any of her frontiers, the colony would at once mobilize at their different centres, viz.: Haiphong, Banninh and Saigon, the three active brigades, which would be brought to their full strength, less, of course, some of their units, which at the time might be occupying the forts and positions on the frontier or along the strategic railways, roads and waterways leading to it, and whose duty it would be to stem or hamper any actual invasion until the organized brigades would reach the points menaced. The delay would be but a short one as arrangements for transport and large reserve stocks of food, clothing and ammunition are always in readiness at the different centres. The reserves, both French and native, would be called out and formed into a brigade whose role would be the occupation of the different garrisons left vacant by the departure of the active forces. Provisions have also been made to meet events similar to those which occurred in North China in 1900-1. In such a case the brigade, whose centre of mobilization is Haiphong, would immediately be shipped for the destination indicated by the authorities in Paris, and its plan would be taken by the reserve brigade or part of it. Thus, at 48 hours' notice, an army, consisting of about four thousand infantry, four batteries of artillery, a detachment of engineers and probably a squadron of native cavalry, to act as scouts, could be dispatched to any point on the coast of China. The question of transport would, of course, be a serious one; but there is at most times in the river at Haiphong at least two of the Messageries coasters and a cargo-boat or two which could be requisitioned by the Government. The colony also possesses a force, consisting of about 10,000 men, which is known as *milice indigène*, and whose duties and organization are similar to those of our armed constabulary which exists to-day in Burma. It is a well-drilled and disciplined body, officered by Europeans, and in times of peace is under the control of the civil authorities, but in event of invasion it would constitute a most useful auxiliary to the army. The approximate strength of the army (active force) in the

colony is as follows:—  
French infantry (3 regiments), Ton-  
king and Saigon, ..... 3,000  
Four battalions of the Foreign  
Legion, Tonkin, ..... 3,000  
Five regiments of native Infantry,  
(Tirailleurs Tonkinois), ..... 15,000  
One regiment of native Infantry,  
(Tirailleurs Annamites), ..... 3,000  
Milice Indigène, (native police), ..... 10,000

Total of infantry, ..... 34,000  
There is only one squadron of cavalry, called the "Chasseurs Annamites," whose strength is of about 150 sabres. Their garrison is at Hanoi. There are eighteen batteries of artillery (108 guns) of which thirteen are stationed in Tonking and Annam and the other five in Cochinchina—the majority in Saigon. The engineer corps consists of two companies, which are in garrison in Hanoi. The 1st Brigade (Bacninh) is under the orders of General Clamorgan, the second (Haiphong) General Winckel-Meyer and the third (Saigon) General de Beylié. General Piel is in command of the Artillery. Thus, it will be seen that our neighbours have a force of no inconsiderable numbers; but it does not appear too elaborate if the schemes of France in the Far East are to be brought to a successful issue.

## THE PLAGUE RETURN.

From the weekly return of plague for the week ended the 9th inst. there is a slight increase in the number of cases, which, if taken in conjunction with those reported up to noon to-day and compared with the figures recorded for the same period of last week, give a very unsatisfactory result. For the week ended the 9th inst. there were 98 cases and 85 deaths, to which we add 25 cases and 20 deaths recorded during the two days ended at noon to-day, making a grand total since the beginning of the year of 564 cases, out of which 532 proved fatal. During the week under review 37 cases of dumping were notified, and to these must be added 11 additional cases, recorded during the past two days, making 48 since the 2nd inst. or a total of 68 during the past fortnight. It is high time that something is done to prevent such an obnoxious and most dangerous practice, and we are glad to note that this afternoon Mr. F. A. Hazeland fined a native \$200 or the alternative of two months' imprisonment with hard labour for removing the body of a plague victim. Whether such a measure will be successful or not remains to be seen.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE celebration of the King's Birthday is to be on the 9th November on Foreign Stations.

Keep your eyes open for C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Adv.*

ADMIRAL Bridge, R.N., has gone on to Hang-kow in the *Albatross*, his flagship the *Glory* remaining at Nanking.

ACCORDING to the *Peking and Tientsin Times*, H.E. Sheng Kungpao has succeeded in regaining the control of the Chinese Telegraphs Administration.

FROM the *China Times* of the 2nd inst. we learn that, according to a representative of that paper, Lord Lansdale is "not particularly impressed with the model settlement" (Shanghai).

A BERLIN dispatch, dated 6th inst., says that the Crown Princess Louise of Saxony has given birth to a daughter. The mother and child are doing well. Princess Louise asserts that the child is the issue of her marriage with Giron.

H.M. SHIP'S in the port at present are the *Algerine*, *Europa*, *Mooren*, *Ocean*, *Phoenix*, *Rambler*, *Rosario*, *Sandpiper*, *Spartiate*, *Tamar*, *Thetis*, and *Waterwitch*. H.M.S. *Europa* arrived here yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Watch for C. E. LeMunyon's locals in this paper in a few days.—*Adv.*

THE *China Times* was on 25th April registered at Hongkong as a limited liability company, with a share capital of £15,000. The shares available for public issue have been taken before any public announcement could be made.

THE *Japan Mail* understands that Captain H. Fraser, of the N.Y.K. *Kasuga Maru*, has been promoted to the command of the European liner, *Kawachi Maru*, and Captain W. Scott-Hunter, of the *Al-gao Maru* is given the command of the *Kasuga Maru*.

AN issue of Tael 56,000 debentures by the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf, Co. Ltd., the balance of the authorised issue of Tael 1,000,000 has been made. An exterior-inquiry meeting of the Company is announced to authorise the borrowing of Tael 2,000,000.

THIS afternoon Mr. F. A. Hazeland fined a native \$200, or two months' hard labour, for removing a dead plague body without the written consent of the Sanitary Board. The native denied the charge, and said that when he was arrested he was only standing near the bundle which contained the corpse.

Watch C. E. LeMunyon's announcement in this paper.—*Adv.*

THE question of the hour and the most vital at present in Bangkok is that of the water problem. The necessity of supplying Bangkok with wholesome water is a duty that has, time and again, been brought before the authorities.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 10th May, 1903:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese.....	337	221
Chinese.....	94	2,268
Total.....	431	2,489

A Miss Gertrude Ricketts has sued Capt. Thomas Kershaw Gaskell, of the Indian Army, to recover damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage. It transpired during the hearing of the case that plaintiff had obtained £1,000 in a previous action of a similar nature, and on the present occasion the jury awarded her £1,500.

Keep track of C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Adv.*

AN ingenious palindrome reaches us, says the *Globe*, from Gibraltar:—"Sapor arepo teret opera rotas." It is much too ingenious to endure translation; but the special feature of it is that in addition to reading the same either way, the initial letters of each word make the first word (sapor), the second letter of each word the second word, arepo, and so to the end.

WE have received from the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce a copy of a pamphlet, entitled "A Gold Standard without a gold currency." The paper appeared anonymously in the columns of the *P. and T. Times*, and with the consent of the author has been reprinted in its present form at the expense of the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce. It can be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.

ACCORDING to a New York cable dated 6th inst. the government of Mexico is seeking a loan on a gold basis to float the national indebtedness. The action is made necessary by the recent change to a gold standard by the republic. The finances of the country have not been settled after the change of standards. President Diaz and his advisers are hopeful for a stable currency and a corresponding revival of trade when the change is fully effected.

ONE Japanese and eight Japanese women were arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning charged with being stowaways on the N. Y. K. *Kinsaku Maru* on a trip from Moji to Hongkong. The Captain stated that he discovered their presence when at sea, and they had no tickets nor the written consent of the owners or himself. On Mr. Hazeland informing them with what they were charged the women signified their willingness to return to Japan and the case was adjourned until there was a ship available to take them back. The man, however, refused to go back. The Japanese Consul was in attendance, and watched the case.

Mr. Hugh Clifford dwells in the *Pilot* upon the spread of Islamism in the Far East, where it gains ground now by persuasion and no longer by the sword. He says that though the total number of Moslems in the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago cannot be even approximately estimated, the fact that the island of Java alone carries a Mohammedan population of twenty-six millions shows how great is the numerical strength of the religion in this corner of the East. The Mohammedans of China, who are scattered all over the north and west of the Empire, are also nearly forty millions strong. In the partly civilised sections of the Archipelago, Islam failed to gain the mastery in the Philippines only.

FROM Japanese papers we take the following items:—It is stated that the notorious Governor of Quelpart had issued a notification that no Japanese or other foreigners, French missionaries excepted, are to be allowed on the island. Russia has explained to the Korean Foreign Office that the troops she has sent to the Yalu are merely to protect her lumbermen.—The *Japan Mail* controverts the Russian Representative's statement that England and Japan have never spent any money or life in Manchuria. H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived at Yokohama on the 1st to land Rear-Admiral Grenfell, who has to be treated at the Naval Hospital, but a Chinese servant having died on board of plague that morning, she was obliged to leave at once for Weihai-wei.—The cruiser *Saiyuu* has gone to Quelpart to protect the Japanese residents there.

AT the recent annual general meeting of the United Planters' Association, which recently sat at Singapore, Mr. Carey, as chairman, read a letter from the Resident-General on the subject of customs duties and railway rates on coffee. Mr. Carey explained that planters wanted lower railway rates and a lower export duty. The Resident-General stated that he had referred the matter to the General Manager, F. M. S. Railways, who replied that he saw no reason for alteration, as the rates in Selangor compared favourably with those charged in Ceylon. Mr. Carey then replied to the Resident-General stating that planters did not complain of the rates for clean coffee, but that they wanted the inferior article to travel for less. The result was that now the duty on parchment was two-thirds of what it was formerly, and that on cherry, one-third. Now that the planters had won their main point, Mr. Carey did not think it advisable to press for further reform, since a change that might affect them adversely might result.

C. E. LeMunyon has an announcement to make to you very shortly; watch for it.—*Adv.*

It has been erroneously reported that a female prisoner committed suicide at Victoria Gaol on Saturday. This is not the case; the suicide having been committed in one of the police cells in the Central Station. No suicide has taken place in the Gaol since 1901.

THE Tanjong Pagar Dock Company having applied for a lease of a certain portion of the foreshore and sea bed fronting, and in extension of the company's present property at Keppel Harbour, Singapore, for the purpose of extending its berthing accommodation and storing facilities, the Governor in Council declares that such lease does not constitute a substantial infringement of public rights.

## FIRES IN HONGKONG.

AT THE PLAGUE HOSPITAL.

During the past forty-eight hours, the services of the Hongkong Fire Brigade have been requisitioned on less than three occasions. The first outbreak was at about nine o'clock on Saturday night when the Brigade under the joint command of Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Inspector H. G. Baker turned out to a blaze at Kennedy Town. It was found that a coolie matched close to the new Plague Hospital was ablaze. The outbreak itself was insignificant as far as the match was concerned, but unfortunately there was a strong southerly wind blowing at the time, and the flames spread with great rapidity to Wing On's timber yard, where over \$5,700 worth of timber, chiefly Canton pine, Singapore hardwood, and ordinary poles used for scaffolding, were stacked. With such fierceness did the flames spread, that in a few seconds the timber was alight. Sparks flew in all directions and some of them falling on top of one of the matcheds in the hospital compound caused the roof to take fire. Fortunately a member of the Fire Brigade, of the name of Hill, was in the Hospital convalescent from cholera, and he took charge of the Hospital fire apparatus and extinguished the outbreak in the matcheds before much damage was done. His presence in the building allowed the wardmasters to give their whole attention to the patients who were removed from the matcheds into the main building, and as long as there was any risk of fire from the adjoining wood yard water was kept playing over the hospital matcheds so that no fire ignition took place. At one time the back part of the premises was threatened but by careful concentration of the water—no less than five hoses were directed on the conflagration—the flames were kept in check. The firemen, though hampered in their work by a strong wind, fanning a fierce fire, worked like Trojans, and managed after four hours' solid work, in quelling the outbreak. The fire at one time covered no less than three acres of land. The outbreak is said to have been caused by the upsetting of an opium lamp in the matcheds. Damage to the extent of \$5,000 was done. The timber were insured with Chinese firms to the amount of \$5,000. During the progress of the fire H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., accompanied by his A.D.C., appeared on the scene, and personally interested himself in the work of the men by giving them valuable suggestions regarding the untouched timber, most of which had been stacked. The alarm was first given by P.C. Appleton who was on the Shek Tong Tsui beat.

## OUTBREAK IN CRO'S STREET.

While the fire was in progress, the fire bell sounded again, and the reserve Brigade turned out at midnight, but their services were not required. The fire, which was a small one, occurred in Cross Street, in one of Chy Loong's bakeries. The Eastern district fire engine, under Inspector Collet, of No. 2 Police Station, was immediately on the scene, and with a few streams of water prevented the flames from spreading. Damage to the extent of \$70 was done. The fire was due to a stove overheating the wood work alongside.

## FATAL CONFLAGRATION NEAR CANTON AND MACAO WHARF.

Again shortly after midnight, the fire bell rang and the Brigade under Chief Inspector Baker, turned out, and located a fire at the corner of Connaught Road and Mercer Street, within a stone's throw from the Canton and Macao wharf. Arrived there the Brigade, assisted by the Government floating engine, set to work, and kept up incessant streams of water on the burning building, No. 127. Owing to the height of the premises, a four-storied building, recently erected, there were certain difficulties to be overcome, but the firemen soon got into the adjoining house and brought five hoses to play on the flames. Unfortunately, a strong wind sprang up and soon the third and fourth floors of No. 126 were alight. During the progress of the fire a little lad was seen on the fourth floor of No. 127, crying for help, and although some heroic effort on the part of the firemen were made to save the poor lad he was subsequently left sight of and must have fallen a victim to the flames. The fire originated on the ground floor of No. 127, used as a grocer's shop, while the first and second floors served as a godown. The third and fourth floors were used as a boarding house. The ground floor of No. 126 was untouched as well as the first floor, but the second, third and fourth floors, also boarding houses, the annexes of No. 127 were gutted. The whole of No. 127 was entirely gutted. Insurance to the extent of \$30,000 was effected with Chinese insurance companies. We learn that the outbreak was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp. The firemen were on the scene till 3.30 a.m., before getting the fire completely under check. It is a matter of gratification to learn that, with the exception of the death of the lad, no other lives were lost. As is the rule, Chinese boarding houses are always full, and when the fire started indescribable commotion and excitement ensued.

## "CHINA COASTERS."

"Dolly" has followed his readable little book on *Tales of Hongkong* by a companion volume describing some of the wanderings and experiences of *China Coastiers*, and readers on good terms with themselves and everybody in general will be likely to peruse the work with a ripple of amusement that may sometimes broaden into a laugh. In our review of "Dolly's" first publication we expressed our high appreciation of the author's work, and commented on the interest attaching to his description of life in the Colony, and on reading through the present volume we find that his narratives of life at sea are equally as interesting. The texture of *China Coastiers* is slightly that after perusing the 150 odd pages one wonders what it was that proved so pleasing, while at the same time there is a distinct consciousness of respect for a writer that succeeds in pleasing with so little outlay of capital. "Dolly" has taken his vast amount of unpromising material from the "little gems of truth" doled out by China coasters lubricated with the "right sort of gargle," tempered with a sweet drawing brier. The characters in the tales are the usual ones, and it makes little difference whether the picture he has made of the seafaring fraternity is true or false; the great thing is that "Dolly" has made them seem true. Everything and everybody is beautifully in tune and is exactly the proper relation to everything and with everybody else, and despite the sea atmosphere about the book, it is greatly enjoyed at a safe distance from danger and should prove a capital addition to the shelves of a cosmopolitan library. The little volume can be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.

## WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st May.

	1902.	1903.
Ty-tan... 86' 11" below	45' 9" below	overflow
Pokfulam... 42' 0" below	29' 0" below	overflow
Wong-nai... 43' 13" below	25' 9" below	overflow
Cheong... overflow	overflow	overflow

	1902.	1903.
Ty-tan... 8,920,000	104,120,000	
Pokfulam... nil	9,400,000	
Wong-nai... 529,000	4,634,000	

Total... 9,179,000 118,154,000  
Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of April.

	1902.	1903.
Consumption... 30,156,000	67,960,000	gallons
Estimated population... 213,500	218,400	
Consumption per head per day... 4.7	10.4	gallons

Intermittent supply in force during April of both years, 10,116,000 gallons supplied from other sources than reservoirs during April 1903, giving a supply of 6.28 gallons per head per day from all sources.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of April.

	1902.	1903.
Consumption... 8,075,000	11,187,000	gallons
Estimated population... 55,650	61,500	
Consumption per head per day... 4.8	6.1	gallons

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM,  
Water Authority.

## THE PLAGUE.

During the forty-eight hours ended at noon to-day 25 further cases of bubonic plague, making 564 since January 1st, were reported.

## SHIPPING AND MAILES.

## MAILES DUE.

American (*Galle*) to-morrow.  
Indian (*Lightning*) 13th inst.  
French (*Oceanic*) 17th inst.  
Canadian (*Athenian*) 17th inst.  
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 18th inst.  
German (*Stuttgart*) 19th inst.  
Indian (*Kimsang*) 22nd inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 29th inst.

The A. L. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Moravia* left Singapore for this port on 8th inst.

The s.s. *Radnorshire* left Singapore 9th inst. p.m., and is due here 16th inst.

The s.s. *Zafra* left Manila a.m., to-day and is due here 13th inst., at 2 p.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nankin* left Singapore for this port 9th inst. at 5 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Galle* with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on 9th inst., at 7 p.m.

The P. & A. s.s. *Indrapura* left Moji for this port on 10th inst., and may be expected here 15th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Rosetta Maru* left Manila yesterday afternoon, and is expected here to-morrow at about 2 p.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Bayern* left Shanghai on 9th inst., a.m., and may be expected here this evening.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Aragonia* from Hamburg left Singapore for this port yesterday a.m., and may be expected here 16th inst., a.m.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Oceanic* with the next French Mail left Singapore on 10th inst., at 6 p.m.; this morning for this port via Saigon.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai 11 a.m., 9th inst., and left 7 p.m., same day for Nagasaki where she was due at 9 a.m. to-day.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Athenian* arrived at Yokohama 5 p.m., 9th inst., and left again at 9 p.m., same day for Kobe where she is due at 5 a.m. to-day.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Hongkong Maru* with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 22nd ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama and will leave for this port to-morrow morning, via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Arakawa* arrived at Yokohama 11 a.m., 9th inst., and left 7 p.m., same day for Nagasaki where she was due at 9 a.m. to-day.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## THE FAMINE IN KWANGSI.

## WIRES FROM NANNING.

We have been favoured with the following telegrams in connection with the famine in Kwangsi:

To Consul Fox, Wuchow, from H. E. the Governor of Hongkong:

Please wire to Clementi to return to Hongkong for consulting, settling with you where the gentleman is to go who is proceeding to assist in distribution.

From Mr. C. Clementi, dated Nanning, 4th inst. to H. E. the Governor of Hongkong:

Arrived Nanning. Propose to remain here until morning of 7th inst. and on that day return by river to Hongkong unless receive further telegraphic instructions. Famine extends to Pao and Lungchow, but do not suppose that Hongkong fund will suffice to relieve those districts. Wire at once estimated amount of food; how much rice has been sent up West River, what place rice reached; and cost at which rice is bought by fund. Am staying with (Rev. Philip) Hinkey and (Rev. T. L.) Worsnip of Alliance Mission, who are thankful for prospect of relief. Will wire details of Nanning famine tomorrow. The only district where maize is eaten is Kweishen. All other districts should be supplied with rice.

On the 6th inst. Mr. Clementi sent the following wire from Nanning to H. E. the Governor:

Have consulted officials and gentry, estimate number of persons in need of famine relief in Nanning city at 25,000 and in 宣化 Tsun Fa district at 48,000. Free distribution of rice, and sale of cheap rice has been made by gentry since the 12th February last, but estimate that their rice supply will only last another thirteen days. Recommend continuance of free distribution of rice, and sale of cheap rice in Nanning and in eight centres of 宣化 Tsun Fa district until end of July. Estimate total of rice required at 18,000 piculs. It is urgently necessary that relief should be sent immediately as transport from 貴州 Kyai Too Sing occupies at least twelve days, and unless rice arrives before present supply is exhausted the people will starve. (Rev.) Hinkey and (Rev.) Worsnip consent to take charge in Nanning and surrounding district. Strongly advise co-operation of Hongkong committee with committee formed in Canton. Famine in Lungchow 龍州 in Taiping 太平 and Kong Chow 江州 and Pa Shih 白石 is reported to be terrible. In these places rice sells at 30 cents the catty and many are dying of starvation. The present cost of rice in Nanning city is six taels per picul. The highest price is due to the officials and gentry of Nanning for excellent organization of local famine relief, but their funds are spent and no more money is available from local sources.

(Reuter's.)

## The Irish Land Bill.

LONDON, 8th May.

The Irish Land Bill has passed the second reading by 443 against 26.

## Turkey and Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Government has requested the Porte to withhold the note, which has not yet been formally presented, pointing out that the terms are so strong as to be almost offensive.

## The Outrages at Salonika.

A French naval division at Toulon has been ordered to Salonika where conflicts between the insurgents and the Turkish military actively continue.

## New Rifle for the United States Army.

The United States Army Board has selected a new rifle the barrel of which is entirely cased in wood; the rifle is four inches shorter and a pound lighter than the one at present in use.

## The Outrages at Salonika.

It has been ascertained that no lives were lost by the blowing up of the Messageries steamer *Gaudalquivir* at Salonika.

## Railway Strike in Australia.

There is a serious railway strike in Australia, and troops have been called out to patrol the streets.

## The Bagdad Railway.

The Brussels correspondent of the *Standard* states that, owing to the attitude of Great Britain, and the unfavourable situation in the Turkish Empire, the Bagdad railway scheme has been provisionally abandoned.

## Russia in the Far East.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that the Russians have re-occupied Newchwang with a large force, also the forts at the mouth of the Liao River, and that they are making extensive warlike preparations.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Ginnell.

## The Russians at Newchwang.

9th May.

It is stated at Washington that Hon. John Hay, United States Secretary of State, has requested President Roosevelt to authorize the joint action of the United States with Great Britain and Japan against Russian aggression at Newchwang.

(N. C. Daily News.)

## Finance in Japan.

Tokyo, 5th May.

The financial arrangement to provide the funds for the intended increase of the navy will probably be:

An annual flotation of bonds to the amount of 6,000,000 yen.

A reinforcement of 1,000,000 yen in administrative expenses.

A deduction of 4,500,000 yen from outlay on railways.

If this means 11,500,000 yen will be obtained annually for the ten-year programme; but the Diet may insist on extending the period.

## The Ragging in the Guards.

London, 5th May.

In the House of Lords the Duke of Bedford sought to revive the case of Colonel Kinloch, attacking Mr. Brodick, Secretary for War, and Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief, in strong terms.

Lord Roberts solemnly declared on his honour as an officer and a member of the House of Peers that his judgment in the matter of Colonel Kinloch was absolutely unbiased. He was determined, he said, to suppress disgusting and degrading practices in the army.

(Kobe Herald.)

## Russia and Manchuria.

Peking, 10th April.

The Tartar General wired to the Government yesterday that several battalions of Russian soldiers crossed the Amur and proceeded to the district appointed for withdrawal some time last month.

A conference of high officers was held in the presence of His Majesty the Emperor yesterday. Her Majesty the Empress stated that it was impossible to concede Manchuria, whence the ancestors of the dynasty rose to Russia; but it might be advisable to lease outer Mongolia, which is contiguous to Siberia, providing they undertook to open the district to trade. Prince Ching strongly opposed the proposal. Wang Wen-shao and Lu Chuan-lin took up a neutral attitude on the subject.

The Russians have been working several mines in Manchuria since they have been in occupation of the territory and have not bothered to obtain permission from the Chinese Government. The British and Japanese Ministers to Peking have lodged a protest against this Russian enterprise. The Chinese Government had not replied to the note up to yesterday evening.

The British Minister to Peking has put in an application for a concession for a railway between Chihli and Poonkian. The Government referred the British demand to Director-General Sheng. That officer thinks that the British Minister lodged the demand with the Government as a counter move to the Russians in seeking to negotiate a "Secret Treaty".

The Russian Minister to Peking has now lodged a new demand with the Chinese Government. In this he seeks to close the Liaoho to foreign vessels, reserving to Russian ships alone the right to enter the river. The Russians intend to open a new service between Dalny and Newchwang and they are anxious to prohibit the navigation of the Liaoho beyond Inkoo. The Russians have already opened several likin offices on the Liaoho and the market at Inkoo is depressed.

The British Minister to Peking has received important instructions from London and called on Prince Ching to-day. The Minister lodged a strong protest against the Russian Secret Treaty—*Mairitchi*.

## THE S.S. "KOREA"

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company inform us that the *Korea* will sail on schedule time, Wednesday, 13th inst., and will not be held in dock for painting as was previously contemplated.

## PLAGUE ON THE WEST RIVER.

Writing from Samshui, a correspondent informs us that the plague is very bad on the villages along the West River, and that hundreds of victims are dying daily. The various *sin tong* or native hospitals at Canton have sent up a small army of native doctors to alleviate the sufferings of the people. The plague this year is very virulent, and instead of the usual signs preceding it, the victims are first taken with diarrhoea and, after a day's suffering, show signs of plague in the shape of the usual swellings. Only recently, while a passenger junk, loaded with passengers, was proceeding from Kong Moon to Kum Chuk, no less than eight deaths occurred in the vessel. In Shui Hing city, as well as Lok Lo and To Sing, the plague has assumed very grave dimensions, and the majority of the people have fled to the hills and encamped in the open air. A subscription list has been opened in Canton, and the gentry are contributing liberally towards alleviating the sufferings. What is wanted are European, or at least native doctors, trained in Western science. The methods adopted by the native doctors are very primitive. They boil the gall of the bears and apply the jelly to the swellings, and make the sufferers swallow gruel, mixed with the roots of sugar cane and powdered with water chestnuts. Sometimes leeches are applied to the swellings. There are four floating hospitals at present moored in the stream opposite Kong Moon and Kum Chuk.

## MIDNIGHT BANDITS IN THE PHILIPPINES

SECURE 25,000 PESOS IN PROPERTY AND MONEY.

According to the *Manila Times* of the 4th inst. the town of Rosario, in Cavite province, was sacked on the previous night by a band of armed ladrones, estimated to have numbered 150 men. The raid was evidently planned with care and it was certainly executed with success. It netted the raiders fully 25,000 pesos, ten or twelve horses, and a large quantity of goods that were carried away bodily from the stores and markets that were broken open. The robbers worked without interruption for four hours and then, alarmed at the approach of an American, who, with a couple of companions, opened fire with a shotgun and revolvers, fled from the town. They made good their escape for the alarm did not reach the authorities until late the next morning. The heaviest losers by the raid were as follows: Francisco Sales, 6,000 pesos; Felipa Janco, 2,000 pesos and a large quantity of goods; Popular Co-operative Store, money, goods and damaged property; Felipe Abueg, Justice of the Peace, 600 pesos; Victoriano del Rosario, store looted; Catalino Abuey, Presidente, one horse; Mariana Yonzalon, money and goods; American school teacher, money and personal effects.

ENTER PUERTO AND DISARM MUNICIPAL POLICE.

The raiders entered the town about 11 o'clock. Ten or twelve of them hid rifles, while about half of them seemed to have revolvers. The others were armed with knives, bolnes and clubs. They first disarmed the Municipal Police taking their revolvers from them and thus augmenting their arms. They then stationed pickets in the streets and outposts in the suburbs to prevent surprise, and began work. They went from house to house and store to store, forcing their way in and demanding money and property under threat of death. The stores and markets suffered most although nearly every household was "stood up". In sacking the stores and markets great damage was done to property for in every place there was an anxious quest for money, and goods were thrown down and fixtures destroyed.

THREE VISITS PAID TO AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHER.

The band is paid three visits to the house of the American school teacher and threatened him with force if he did not reveal the hiding place of his money. As a matter of fact they got everything he had on their first visit, and it is probable that he would have been tortured if the thieves had not become alarmed.

After leaving him the first time a guard was placed on his house but he managed to elude the guard and started for Santa Cruz, to get assistance. He was stopped on the road and brought back and then for a second time the thieves returned to question him. They left him again, and again returned at 1.30 o'clock. They told him they knew he had more money concealed in the house and said that if he did not reveal his hiding place they would kill him. While they were parleying, shots sounded in the streets and the band scurried away.

FRIGHTENED OFF BY THE "REPORT OF FIRE-ARMS."

Another American had been out in one of the barrios and hearing of the raid started bravely into the town. He had a shotgun and managed to secure the assistance of two natives who had revolvers. Darkness favoured their daring for the ladrones were unable to discover their weakness. They began firing and when shots echoed through the streets the raid came to sudden end. The bandits had ample time for their work, however, and besides the persons enumerated in the list given above they took money and goods from nearly every house in the town.

TROOPS HAVE GONE IN PURSUIT.

The Constabulary and Police of neighbouring towns were notified the next day and a detachment of Constabulary was hastened to the scene with orders to follow and engage the band. The ladrones had many hours' start, however, and will probably conceal their loot and scatter when they reach the hills. No one in Rosario seems to know the leaders of the gang, although it is suspected that the raid was planned by one or more of the Cavite outlaws who have been in seclusion for some time past. Governor Trias is organizing a volunteer command and will take the field in person against the band. Francisco Sales suffered before in a raid of this kind. At that time his son was abducted and a ransom of 3,000 pesos demanded for his surrender. The young man is still a prisoner if he has not been killed already.

## AMERICAN BOUNDARIES IN THE FAR EAST.

To prevent international misunderstanding, Rear-Admiral R. B. Bradford, Chief of the Bureau of Equipment, has proposed to the State and Navy Departments the definite delimitation of the boundaries of the United States in the Philippines. At the present time, while these boundaries are known by treaty, they have never been charted, and there is danger that an American skipper may hoist the flag on a British or German island, with trouble as the possible result; and it is not at all unlikely that a German or British officer might take this action with respect to an American island.

To remove all doubt, Rear-Admiral Bradford has prepared a chart based upon the treaty rights ceded by Spain, showing the exact position of the American boundary lines in the Far East. This chart has been transmitted through Acting Secretary Darling to the Secretary of State who has been requested to make any suggestions that may seem pertinent.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Ginnell.

## MACAO PUBLIC WORKS.

Appropriations to the extent of forty-eight thousand dollars have been made by the Government of Macao for the fiscal year 1903-04 in aid of public works. The sums voted are as follows:

Maintenance of buildings and forts, .....	\$8,000.00
Maintenance and repairs of public roads and the Green Island roadway, .....	9,000.00
Afforestation, .....	2,500.00
Maintenance of the Park Vasco da Gama and garden, .....	1,500.00
Districts improvement, .....	15,000.00
Personal emoluments, .....	9,666.51
Other charges, .....	1,939.49
Contingencies, .....	400.00
	\$48,000.00

## HUGE EMBEZZLEMENT AT PEKING.

According to Shanghai exchanges telegraphic advices were received a few days since warning the detective department to be on the lookout for three Japanese, who were said to have embezzled the large sum of Tls. 300,000 from a well-known firm in Peking. Detective Fadio was successful in arresting the men on board the China Merchants steamer *Tatshu*, which arrived at Shanghai from Tongku and Chefoo on last Monday afternoon, and after informing the Japanese Consul of their arrest, they were handed over and confined at the Consulate General.

## AN ECHO OF THE BOXER RISING.

Mr. Justice Kennedy delivered judgment in the case of *Van Lann v. Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Company*.

The plaintiffs brought their action to recover 1,700l on a policy of insurance on two cargoes of bullocks and sheep shipped from Queensland to Taku, in North China, and which were intended for food supplies for the German troops on active service there. In consequence of delay on the part of the shippers when the vessel arrived at Taku that port was blocked by ice, and the vessel had to put into Weihaiwei, at which place the German authorities refused to accept delivery. The vessel then proceeded southwards to Shanghai, but rider-pest broke out among the animals, and large numbers of them died, and 30 per cent. of the survivors were found to be infected. It was, therefore, decided to jettison the remaining animals, and they were all thrown overboard. The defendants denied that the policy covered the loss which had taken place.

Mr. Justice Kennedy held that the insurance company's liability had ceased before the loss occurred, and gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

## HOW SILVER WAS BOUGHT.

SPECULATION WAS AVERTED.

Advices from Washington are to the effect that Colonel Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, and Secretary Root are very much pleased over their success in getting the Treasury Department to make the silver purchases for the new currency of the Philippines. There were evidences that owners of silver intended to shove the prices up at the expense of the Philippine Government. It is believed that a large sum of money is saved by the action of the Treasury Department in agreeing to make the purchases. The Treasury Department gave notice immediately after Secretary Shaw decided to buy the silver, that on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice, offers would be received at the Bureau of the Mint for the sale to the Government of silver bullion for this purpose. No offers of less than 5,000 ounces would be entertained. The Treasury Department has purchased \$2,000,000 worth of silver bullion for coinage of pesos, which is now progressing at the Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints so satisfactorily.

With regard to the notes to be issued, their denominations will undoubtedly be ten, five and two pesos respectively.

Returning to the subject of silver bullion it may be interesting to know how the purchases have progressed since the Treasury Department announced that it was in the market for the metal. The formal notification led many Government officials to believe that the price of silver would be immediately advanced, and that a practical hold-up would be the result. To forestall this, the Government was asked to suspend the law regulating the monthly coinage of its own silver bullion held in the vaults, and coin as much from that source as the Philippines required. Treasury officials objected to this, however, on account of the demand for national currency, and it was finally decided to buy such silver as was wanted in the open market.

The Smelting Trust offered to sell to the Government 250,000 ounces of bullion silver at 49.10 per ounce. This was fractionally below the London quotation at the time, and it was accepted by the Government, the Trust agreeing to deliver the bullion free at the Philadelphia Mint. Then the Silver Trust took steps to prevent any effort on the part of speculators to advance the price on the Government. For this purpose the American Smelting and Refining Company (Silver Trust), agreed to suspend from time to time daily shipments of silver to London, where the price is made, so that it would be practically impossible for speculators to advance the price while the Government was in the market. By adopting this course unbusiness-like methods were frustrated and the Philippine Government obtained every advantage by this action, in its effort to install a new currency system.

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## THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

A STRONG DENIAL.

According to native reports, the victory of Nanking upon the receipt of a joint petition from the gentry and merchants from Kwangtung, and Kwangsi informing him that Governor Wang Chih Chun had on his own responsibility asked for French assistance, telegraphed to Kwangsi, and has received the following reply: "The reports are utterly without a shadow of truth. If Kwangsi lacked funds and troops, application for assistance would be made to the neighbouring provinces with the approval of the Central Government."

## COMMERCIAL SUGAR FREIGHTS.

The demand for sugar freights for the past week has been satisfactory, when it is considered that freights generally have been but in moderate demand for some time since. A charter has been taken here from Java to Japan to load 3,000 to 3,500 tons dry sugar in July to one port North China at 41 cents and to two ports 44 cents. Since the closing of this charter loading in the same direction but for larger size has been booked elsewhere at somewhat lower rates. The brisk demand for sugar in Japan continues. For India, the inquiry for the same staple has been much larger than for some time past. A slight falling off in the price in Shanghai is noticeable, but this is more than made up by the gain in exchange.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer .....	1/8
" Bank Bills, on demand .....	1/8 3/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight .....	1/8
" Debits, 4 months' sight .....	1/8
ON BERLIN, (demand) .....	M. 1/22
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand .....	2 1/4
" Credits, 4 months' sight .....	2 1/4
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand .....	4 1/4
" Credits, 30 days' sight .....	4 1/4
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer .....	12 1/2
" On demand .....	12 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer .....	7 1/4
" Private 30 days' sight .....	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. .....	8 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate .....	\$ 1.16
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael .....	nom.
Silver .....	24 15/16

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
MALWA NEW .....	Nominal
" LAST YEAR .....	@ \$ 900/980
" OLDEST .....	@ 1,030/1,040
PATNA NEW .....	@ 1,030
BIHARS NEW .....	@ 997 1/2
PERSIAN (PAPER) .....	Nominal

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship.

"HAITAN" Captain Roach will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [574e]

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. (With liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

THE "Shire" Line

S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE" will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 18th inst.

The American Asiatic S.S. Co.'s "NORMAN ISLES" will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 15th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [482e]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship.

"OCEANIE" Captain Guigues will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SUNDAY, the 17th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 11th May 1903. [1004d]

## THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

## No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

## No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8 ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time to pump out, 3 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyds' surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Tugboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 378.

Telegrams: "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

IT is proposed to hold a MEETING of PROPERTY OWNERS in the SANITARY BOARD ROOM, on MONDAY, May 18th, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of considering Sections 46 and 154 of Ordinance 1 of 1903.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Room, Hongkong, 9th May, 1903. [572e]

## REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL. (With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903. About 25th May. "SAGAMI" ... 15th June. "CHARLES TIBERGHIE" ... 10th July. "MACDUFF" ... For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [339d]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"KOREA" are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 18th instant will be subject to sale.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 28th instant or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent. Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [1]

## NOTICE.

THE LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA OF MACAO, duly authorized, will receive Tenders for the supply of ELECTRIC POWER to be used in the Lighting of the Public Streets of the City of Macao, under the following Conditions:—

I. The Tenders are to be forwarded, in sealed covers, addressed to the LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA, and delivered at the Secretary's Office of the same Department.

II. The time allowed for the forwarding of the Tenders is within Six months from the date of this Notice.

III. The Tenders are to state in Mexican dollars, of local currency, the following prices:—

With reference to the lighting of the public streets—

1st. For each incandescent light of 16 candles, per month \$.....

2nd. For each voltaic arc light of 500 candles, per month \$.....

3rd. For each light of 16 candles, beyond the minimum number fixed in the agreement, per month \$.....

4th. For each voltaic arc light of 500 candles, beyond the minimum number fixed in the agreement, per month \$.....

With reference to the supply of electric power for private lighting and for the lighting of public and municipal buildings, For each hecto-watt-hour, \$.....

IV. The other conditions of agreement for the concession are those that have been approved by superior authority and are open for perusal at Macao, in the secretary's office of the Municipal Council, at Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe (Japan) in the Consulates of Portugal, and in Lisbon in the secretary's office in the municipal council.

Copies of these conditions of agreement will be forwarded to the parties who apply



Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 11th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 14th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 17th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTZE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 9th June.

S.S. "AJAX" left Singapore 6th instant and is due here 11th inst., p.m.  
S.S. "ALCINOUS" left Singapore 9th inst. and is due here 14th inst., p.m.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"JASON"	On 12th May.
LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May.
LONDON	"PATROCLOS"	On 20th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"HYSON"	On 12th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"ALCINOUS"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"ANTENOR"	On 7th July.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"AJAX"	On 13th May.

S.S. "ACHILLES" from Seattle and Tacoma left Moji at daylight on the 9th inst. and is expected here 13th inst.  
For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	12th May.
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	13th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	16th "
SAM RANG and SOUBAYAY	"HANYANG"	18th "
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	20th "
MANILA	"TSINAN"	22nd "

\* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unvalued table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1903.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers  
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric  
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-  
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 16th May, at 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 23rd May, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF  
JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,  
FOR

PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4899	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 22, 1903.
"INDRASAMHA"	5197	R. P. Craven	June 14,
"INDRAVELLI"	4899	W. E. Craven	July 14,

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR ANPING	"MAIZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAICI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 17th May.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 20th May.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 24th May.

\* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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HONGKONG-MANILA,  
REDUCED SALOON PAS-  
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$25. RETURN, \$40.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unvalued Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW,"

1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days leaving CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey. Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship

"CHU KONG,"  
Capt. Mason.

Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO, Daily, at 7.30 A.M. SUNDAY including.

Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG, Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including.

This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation.

FARES:  
1st Class.....\$1.50  
2nd ".....70  
3rd ".....30  
Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.,  
No. 42, Bonham Strand West.  
Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG,"

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1903.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

Captain Courtney, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1903.

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Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,

HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China

Also widely circulated in Japan, Coochin

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generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition

published for despatch by the homeward mail

The daily is recommended as more generally

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A special feature is made of full and accu-

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The Hongkong Telegraph is the best

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largely among all classes of the community,

is the largest daily newspaper and has a

wider circulation than any journal in the Far

East.

Special attention given to effectively display-

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The type used as a standard for setting

advertisements is similar to this, unless we are

instructed to display the advertisement, when

any effective style of type will be adopted

This standard runs exactly eight lines to the

inch, and about eight words to the line.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES.



## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

Finishing, Br. s.s. 3,810, Haifner, 9th May—  
Moji 5th May, Coal—S. T. & C.

Shakano Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,054, Fujita, 10th  
May—Moji 5th May, Coal—E. A. T. Co.

Frithof, Nor. s.s. 891, Haraldsen, 10th May—  
Haiphong 5th May, Rice and Pigs—A. R.  
M.

Kinshu Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,386, Prone, 10th May—  
Moji 5th May, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Luchs, Ger. gunboat, 902, Wuthmann, 10th  
May—Amoy 9th May.

Kweiyang, Br. s.s. 1,061, Hooker, 10th May—  
Chefoo 5th May, Gen.—B. & S.

Europa, Br. cruiser, 11,000, Omanney, 10th  
May—Ponmouth 25th Mar.

Lyceum, Ger. s.s. 1,738, Lehmann, 10th  
May—Canton 9th May, Gen.—S. & Co.

Kwangtiah, Ch. s.s. 1,536, Lunt, 10th May—  
Canton 9th May, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Longsang, Br. s.s. 1,091, Weigall, 11th May—  
Manila 8th May, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,918, Butler, 11th May—  
Shanghai 8th May, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Jason, Br. s.s. 4,800, Steves, 11th May—  
Shanghai 8th May, Gen.—H. & S.

Elita Nossack, Ger. s.s. 1,611, Brunn, 10th  
May—Chinkiang 5th May, Rice—E. A.  
T. Co.

Arad, Luyken, Ger. s.s. 1,095, L'Herfeld,  
11th May—Saigon 7th May, Rice and  
Flour—E. A. T. Co.

Loo Sok, Ger. s.s. 1,011, Leuss, 11th May—  
Hankow 4th May, Rice—B. & S.

Tyr, Nor. s.s. 1,418, Daniels, 11th May—  
Canton 11th May, Coal—E. A. T. Co.

## Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Phanang, for Bangkok.  
Itha Verde, for Macao.  
Hendrig, for Wuhu.  
Germania, for Amoy.  
Chikong, for Macao.  
Pik Kong, for West River.  
Airlia, for Whampoa.  
Kinshu Maru, for Singapore.  
We Kwai, for Wuchow.  
Paul Danner, for Kwong-chow-wan.  
Wingchui, for Macao.  
Ischia, for Singapore.  
Thales, for Swatow.

## Departures.

May 10.  
Anani, for Hongkong.  
Dajia Maru, for Swatow.  
Hailong, for Swatow.  
May 11.  
Ailsa Craig, for Kutchinotzu.  
Pitaukuk, for Swatow.  
Jacob Diederichsen, for Pakhoi.  
Dagmar, for Macassar.  
Elita Nossack, for Canton.  
Yushan, for Canton.

## Passengers arrived.

Per Arnold Luyken, from Saigon—202 Chi-  
nese.  
Per Iyo Maru, from Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs.  
W. F. Lutz, Mr. W. G. Parkes, Lieut. E.  
Henderson, Messrs. W. M. McManey S. Kore-  
yeda, 17 Chinese and 11 Japanese.  
Per Loongang, from Manila—Messrs. F. C.  
Hemaway, L. Barlet, C. A. E. King, Capt.  
Roberts, Mr. T. Russell, Mrs. Joseph, Jr., Mrs.  
Lenora Denton and daughter, Misses C.  
Soriano, Maria Salvador, Salome Gutierrez, Revs.  
Petronele Agu do, Donato Bernabaja, Jose  
Espina, Francisco Delencia, Sisters Roda  
Atiy, Dolores Lazaro Luisa, Dillamil, and 157  
Chinese.

## Passengers departed.

Per Rabi, for Manila—Miss Haides Gibbs,  
Mr. Donald, W. Riley, Mrs. J. F. Wade, Miss  
L. V. Cohn, Messrs. J. Cohn, F. L. Glick, W.  
C. Freeman, W. J. Scruton, S. Lee, Joe Y. Cho,  
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Priestley, Mr. T. Chuaco,  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Snowden, P. Alexander, Mr.  
and Mrs. E. G. Baxter, Messrs. C. S. Lieng, A.  
W. Wagner, H. A. Alden, Robela Lahesa,  
Collie Kuhn, K. For, T. Chee, T. Gui, Mr. and

## Post Office.

## A Mail will close for—

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow—Per Thales, 12th  
inst. 9 A.M.

Canton—Per Kinsan, 12th inst. 9 A.M.

Bangkok—Per Phanang, 12th inst. 9 A.M.

Bangkok—Per Hongkong, 12th inst. 9 A.M.

Shanghai—Per Lyceum, 12th inst. 3 P.M.

Shanghai—Per Kwangtiah, 12th inst. 4 P.M.

Kumchuk and Samshui—Per Tungkong,  
12th inst. 4 P.M.

Namsoo—Per Taiter, 12th inst. 5 P.M.

Canton—Per Posa, 12th inst. 5 P.M.

Singapore, Penang, Colombo—Per Shanghai,  
13th inst. 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Honolulu, San Francisco—Per Korea, 13th  
inst. 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of  
Japan, 13th inst. 10 A.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Bevern, 13th inst. 10 A.M.

Shanghai—Per Hunan, 13th inst. 4 P.M.

Singapore, Penang, Calcutta—Per Laisang,  
14th inst. 11 A.M.

Manila—Per Loongang, 14th inst. 3 P.M.

Manila—Per Rabi, 14th inst. 3 P.M.

Manila—Per Zafra, 16th inst. 6 A.M.

Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Hanyang,  
18th inst. 4 P.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Caledonia, 18th inst. 4 P.M.

Straits, Colombo and Bombay—Per China,  
19th inst. 1 P.M.

Cebu, Iloilo—Per Kweiyang, 19th inst.  
3 P.M.

Manila—Per Sunlight, 20th inst. 3 P.M.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns,  
Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne—  
Per Taiter, 22nd inst. 4 P.M.

Manila—Per Rabi, 23rd inst. 11 A.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Bengal, 23rd inst. 11 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C.—Per Albatross, 27th  
inst. 11 A.M.

## VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

## KOWLOON.

Courage, G. M. Jewell, Mrs. F. F.  
Corning, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs.  
D. W. Geo.  
Crines, F. S. Nobbs, A. P.  
Dykerland, L. G. R. W.  
Hercok, Mr. and Mrs. Pope, H.  
A. E. Twonell, Mr. and Mrs.  
Jewell, Frank F. E. M.

## OCCIDENTAL.

Bamsey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard, Capt.  
and family  
Fasch, R.  
Hurst, F. Vanderpoel, Mrs.

## PEAK.

Allison, A. Ibbie, F. H.  
Barnett, Dr. Jeffries, H. U.  
Beattie, Andrew King, R. H.  
Benson, A. P. D. Major Macleod, Wm., D.D.S.  
and Mrs. H. G. C.  
Berkley, H. McDermott, A. P. B.  
Bernier, Gilbert Mitchell, Robert  
Bmbazon, Ralph A. H. L.  
Brent, H. A. W. Philpot, Leonard D.  
Brown, R. E. Col. L. F. Pollock, K. C., H. E.  
Brusse, George, Reid, T. H.  
Carre, Arthur R. Rumsey, R. N., Hon. R.  
Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Munnay  
Dominech, W. Saver, Mrs. W. E.  
French, A. S. C. Major Scott, Charles R.  
G. A. Sinclair, A.  
Foote, Cap. and Mrs. Smith, Carl W.  
Fuchs, A. Spalckhaver, W. O. C.  
Gibson, Dr. Robert Tattara, Mr. and Mrs.  
Grant, G. C. Lindsay Tug Nob.  
Hogg, Geo. Thomson, O. D.  
Hamilton, Maj. A. B. Wenborn, S. T.

## CRAIGIEBURNE.

Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Lambelle, Lieut.  
and Mrs. F. W. F.  
Mrs. J. S. Parker, Capt. and Mrs.  
Helms, W.

## HONGKONG.

Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, Mrs.  
Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs.  
B. S. Kasten, Misses (2)  
Ambler, J. A. Kirkland, T.  
Arton, A. S. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs.  
Ball, C. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Marriott, Dr. A.  
Barrett, II. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E.  
Barrett, E. G. Mast, S. E.  
Beano, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, T. P.  
A. W. McLean, Mrs. M. M.  
Bissey, E. V. Miss M.  
Black, Mr. and Mrs. Meghee, G. H.  
Blackmar, Gen. and Mrs. Moll, W. G.  
W. W. Moll, Mr. and Mrs.  
Boggan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.  
Bonner, A. E. E. O.  
Bonnet, F. Musket, Miss  
Borthwick, Mrs. Nicholsberg, Miss E.  
R. W. Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. and  
Boutin, L. nurse  
Boyd, W. H. Ottery, Mrs. L. and son  
Brewer, Miss E. R. Page, W. L.  
Brown, W. S. Parfitt, W.  
Bryant, A. Phillips, M. and Mrs. V.  
Bryan, A. Pope, W. H.  
Campbell, A. Potts, W. H.  
Chapman, G. Putman, Mr. and Mrs.  
Clarke, W. G. Ramsay, H. A.  
Cohen, M. B. Rankin, J.  
Cohen, R. J. Reid, II. J.  
Collier, L. L. Reis, Mr. and Mrs. J. O.  
Colson, J. S. Roosevelt, Mr. and  
Cropper, J. W. Mrs. H. L.  
Dean, Mrs. F. W. Roys, Mr. and Mrs.  
Derbyshire, J. H. C. D.  
Douglas, Capt. and Mrs. Sales, Miss De.  
R. J. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs.  
Downing, T. C. R. H.

Dunn, Comdr. E. O. Skot, C.  
Edwards, F. W. Smith, Mrs. J. F.  
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Somerville, G.  
Elmore, F. Thomson, J. A.  
Fisher, H. Thomson, Dr. J. C.  
Geary, J. R. Tibbitt, R. G.  
Gibbs, H. T. Walcott, Miss W.  
Glover, C. Watkins, G. A.  
Goodland, J. Watson, A. B.  
Goor, G. B. West, E. E.  
Goyoso, J. L. Whitton, Mrs. A. M.  
Hagler, J. W. Wickley, Miss and  
Hagler, J. W. Master  
Higgs, Maj. and Mrs. Williams, Miss L. N.  
Hill, L. D. Wilson, H.  
Hines, G. Wisner, Mrs. G.  
Holt, Mrs. C. F. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs.  
Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff, Miss  
Howard, Thos. Woodruff, Miss  
Hughes, Mrs. and Miss Woolmer, Mr. and Mrs.  
Icely, Rev. F. Young, Mr. and Mrs. C.

## KING EDWARD.

Akers, W. A. McVean, Dr. W. A.  
Ashton, Herbert Nicholson, R. N. Comdr.  
Bent, Capt. C. E. Nugent, R. N. Comdr.  
Cheek, M. A. Osborne, Mrs.  
Cheek, H. C. Parkes, W. G.  
Clephane, Miss D. Shellim, Mr. and Mrs.  
Howard E. Edward  
Goehr, A. F. Soathern, Channery L.  
Judd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephens, M. J. D.  
Lacoe, P. H. Stucken, A.  
Lodge, G. E. Terry, Mrs. L. L.  
Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vaughan, H. S.  
Maun, J. H.

## CONNAUGHT.

Burnell, J. H. Lockhart, Lieut. and  
Campbell, Lieut. J. R. Mrs.  
Colbert, P. D. Marston, Mrs.  
Dagnon, L. du Marston, L.  
Hachwood, H. Ridgway, T.  
Heindel, Ray L. Ridgway, T.  
Hesse, E. Riley, D. W.  
Houghton, R. Stodart, F.  
Humphreys, W. Thomas, C. B.  
Langlands, Capt. P. Thompson, Capt. T.  
Loveland, J. L. Tyrwhitt, T.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,  
Acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-  
vatory—

On the 11th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has  
risen over Japan, fallen on the E. coast of China.  
The high pressure area has moved Eastward  
and is central over S. F. Japan, and probably a  
new depression is forming over N. China.

Gradients slight with moderate S.E. and E.  
winds in the Formosa Channel and N. part of  
the China Sea.

Forecast—moderate E. winds; fair.  
Telegraphic communication between the  
Observatory and Hongkong remains inter-  
rupted.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 p.m.
Barometer	30.04	29.98
Temperature	73	74
Humidity	82	72
Rainfall	—	—

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	May 9th, 1903, a.m.	Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind.	Wr.
Wladivostok	5 a.m. 30.02	41	99	W	4	0
Yokohama	5 a.m. 29.92	—	—	SE	4	—
Hakodate	5 a.m. 29.86	—	—	SE	8	—
Tokio	5 a.m. 29.86	—	—	SE	8	—
Kobe	5 a.m. 29.95	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	5 a.m. 30.03	—	—	E	6	—
Kagoshima	5 a.m. 30.03	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	5 a.m. 29.96	—	—	N	2	—
Naha	5 a.m. 29.97	—	—	NE	2	—
Ishigakijima	5 a.m. 29.97	—	—	N	2	—
Taihou	5 a.m. 29.98	—	—	E	4	—
Taiwan	5 a.m. 29.90	—	—	—	—	—
Koshu	5 a.m. 29.91	—	—	NE	8	—
Peacodores	5 a.m. 29.91	—	—	NE	6	—
Weihaiwei	5 a.m. 30.04	—	—	SE	2	—
Gutlaif	5 a.m. 30.14	—	—	SE	1	—
Shap Peak	5 a.m. 30.07	—	—	NE	4	—
Amoy	5 a.m. 30.02	—	—	NE	2	—
Swatow	5 a.m. 30.01	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	5 a.m. 30.01	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	5 a.m. 30.04	—	—	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	5 a.m. 30.04	—	—	—	—	—
Cap Rock	5 a.m. 30.01	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	5 a.m. 30.05	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Malate	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Bacolod	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	5 a.m. 29.93	—	—	—	—	—

## THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.		
BANKS.					
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 17/2 = \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1902.	\$675		
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	3 1/4 on A. shares for 1902	\$26 b.		
Do. Founders	£ 1	31/60 on B. shares for 1902	\$10		
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$530 s.		
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2 = \$41 for year ended 30/4/1902.	\$60 b.		
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of £1 for 1902.	Tls. 200 ex d.		
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 = \$12 for 1901	\$128 b.		
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	28 = \$14 per share for 1901	\$167 1/2 b.		
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$2 1/2 per share for 1901	\$110 s.		
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$83 s.		
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$11 for half-year ending 31/12/1902	\$37 1/2 b.		
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	£ 10	Div. of 12/- making £ 1 per share for 1901	\$108 s.		
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 for 1900	\$26 s.		
Do. Founders	\$ 25	Div. of \$3 per share for year ended 30/6/1902	\$1		
Douglas S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$1.20 = 12 1/2 for year ending 30/6/1902	\$41 s.		
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	30 cts. = 30 1/2 for year ending 30/6/1902	\$27 1/2 s.		
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 1	2nd Interim of 9d. making 2/- for 1901	£1 6/- b.		
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 1/2 making 20 % for 1902.	Tls. 330 b.		
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Final of 5 1/2 making 7 % for the year	Tls. 47 s.		
Shanghai Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 1/2 making 13 % for 1902.	Tls. 165 s.		
Co-operative Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 1/2 making 13 % for 1902.	Tls. 165 s.		
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$110		
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$12 1/2		
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 1/2 making 12 % for the year	Tls. 70		
MINING.					
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	None	\$3 s.		
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	None	35 cts. b.		
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Int. of Frs. 30 per share for 1901	\$600		
Jebeu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	5 for 1-year end. 31/7/94 (Coupon 9)	\$1 1/2 b.		
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 10.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share.	\$10 b.		
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	7 1/2 = 15 per share (Coupon No. 1)	Tls. 7 1/2 s.		
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.					
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of 10/- & bonus of 2/- for half-year ending 31/12/1902.	\$217 s.		
S. C. Fammah, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 7	Tls. 187 1/2 s.		
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$4 1/2 for 1902	\$92 s.		
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40 b.		
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 12 making Tls. 18 for 1902	Tls. 297 1/2 s.		
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.					
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$10 s.		
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1902	\$170 b.		
Kiloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$30 s.		
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	Final of \$1.60 making \$3.10 for 1902.	\$31 s.		
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for 2nd 4-year making \$12 for 1902	\$145 s.		
Oriental Hotel Co., Ltd. (Manila)	\$ 50	8 = \$4 for 1-year ending 31/12/1900	\$24 s.		
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	15 % for half-year ending 31/12/01	\$39 b.		
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 17 s.		
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 25		
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$12 1/2 b.		
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of 6 % for 1902	Tls. 112 s.		
COTTON MILLS.					
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 40 cents per share	\$16 b.		
Lwo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	3 % for period ended 31.10.97	Tls. 39 s.		
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 39 s.		
Sau-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	1st div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 on 6,000 shares	Tls. 45 s.		
Yee Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 160		
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.					
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$350 s.		
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$18		
Shanghai & Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Final of Tls. 2.60 making Tls. 4.65 for the year	Tls. 60 s.		
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$23 b.		
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$12 s.		
S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1902	\$15 s.		
Vatkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$14 s.		
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	80 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$78 s.		
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	40 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$40 b.		
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$72 b.		
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$120 b.		
Geo. Feawick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$50		
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Final of \$12, making \$16 for 1902.	\$40 b.		
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320 s.		
Waiy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1902.	\$11 b.		
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 per cent = \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$10		
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$24 1/2		
Ellis's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 12.6.		\$3 1/2 b.		
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	80 cents per share	\$6 1/2 s.		
Do. Founders	\$ 10	\$19.80 per share.	\$155		
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	Interim of \$1.20 per share	\$25 b.		
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for the year	\$13 b.		
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	None	\$10 s.		
Obinson Piano Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 % = \$2 1/2 for half-year 1901	\$50		
Amila Investment Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$15 b.		
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 50 cents making \$1 per share	\$10 s.		
Natschappij tot Exploitatie van Landbouw op Java, in Langkat	Guilders 100	Interim Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 per share	Tls. 320 s.		
Telegraphic Address—"Rialto."					
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BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS, Share Brokers.					
NOTE:—b.=buyers, s.=sellers, sa.=sales.					
BRITISH WARSHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.					
(9th May.)					
Acricity	despatch battleship	Kiukiang	Mutine	sloop	Singapore
Albion	battleship	Weihaiwei	Ocean	battleship	Hongkong
Gerine	cruiser	Hongkong	Oter	destroyer	Shanghai
Alphitrite	cruiser	en route to V'ma	Phenix	sloop	Hongkong
Gomau	cruiser	Yokohama	Rambler	survey	Hongkong
enheim	cruiser	Japan	Rinaldo	river g.-b.	en route W.H.W
ramble	gunboat	Weihaiwei	Robin	river g.-b.	Wchow
fortmort	gunboat	Weihaiwei	Rosario	sloop	Hongkong
eruby	cruiser	Japan	Sandpiper	river g.-b.	Hongkong
lipse	tug & water	Hongkong	Snipe	river g.-b.	Yangtze
piegle	cruiser	Japan	Sparinate	cruiser	Hongkong
ropa	sloop	Hankow	Taku	destroyer	Hongkong
me	cruiser	Singapore	Talbot	cruiser	Shanghai
lorless	destroyer	Hongkong	Tamar	receiving	Hongkong
lory	cruiser	Hongkong	Teal	river g.-b.	Yangtze
lath	battleship	Woosung	Thetis	cruiser	Hongkong
lath	battleship	Weihaiwei	Tweed	coat g.-b.	Yangtze
lumber	destroyer	en route to Shanghai	Vestal	sloop	Japan
lumber	store	en route W.H.W.	Waterwitch	survey	Hongkong
lumber	store	en route to Shanghai	Whiting	destroyer	Hongkong
lumber	store	en route to Shanghai	Woodcock	river g.-b.	Yangtze
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